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GEAR CHANGE CONTROL DEVICE AND GEAR  
SHIFT CONTROL METHOD FOR WORK VEHICLE  
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  - d.  the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
  - e.  the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:

**U.S. Patent No. 5,456,333 corresponds to JP 7-4521.**

5.  A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

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